

I OPPOSE the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking #02-230 which would make it illegal for ordinary citizens to own fully functional digital television devices.

The movie industry should not have a special privilege to own fully-functional digital television devices. In the ongoing fight with old world content industries, the most essential rights and interests in a free society are those of the public. Free citizens are not mere consumers; they are not a separate group from so-called "professionals. The stakeholders in a truly just information policy in a free society are the public, not those who would reserve special rights to control public uses of information technology.